

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please rewrite the paragraph commencing at line 24, Page 14 and ending at line 5, Page 15 as follows:

In the embodiments of Figs. 1 and 2, the opening 38 includes a fastening member, shown generally as arrow 50, which in this embodiment is a zipper 52. ~~As shown in Fig. 3, the fastening means 50 is in the form of a zipper 52 having an elongated length defining the length of the opening 38 and a narrow width defining the width of the opening 38, which narrow width is less than the elongated length, and the narrow width defining the opening width is substantially perpendicular to the elongated length defining the opening length.~~ The fastening member 50, or zipper 52, has an open position and a closed position. The fastening member 50, generally, and the zipper 52, specifically in this embodiment, operatively connected to the opening 38 and is adapted to make the opening 38 an unsecured opening when the zipper 52 is in an open position. The zipper 52 when in the closed position defines a secured opening, that is an

athletic or other ball inserted therein is retained within the interior of the outer member 34 and cannot fall out of or be removed from the outer member 34 of bag 30 when the zipper is closed.